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TOPIC Soviet Air Force in Werder

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REMARKS

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1. During January and February 1954, [redacted] the former warehouse at Werder airfield was being used as bath. The first story of administrative building No 2 housed an agency which had connection with the Wuensdorf KEO (Quartiernutzungsorganisation). Lieutenant Colonel Rodin (fnu), Lieutenant Colonel Piminov (fnu), and Major Tarazov (fnu) had their offices there. 1
2. During the first half of February, the craftsmen in the restricted area were subject to security check and they had great difficulties in having their passes to the field renewed. At the same time, a new entrance to the field was established for the German civilian workers. The main entrance at Phoebecker-Elsa road was declared off limits to the German civilian personnel and a former entrance just east of the rail crossing over Phoebecker Strasse was reopened. However, the passes to enter the field were still issued at the main entrance. The barrier across Elsa road at the main entrance was removed.
3. Building No 12 Zernsee housed the kitchen and messhall for the generals. Allegedly field grade officers with special positions also took their meals there.
4. On one day during the second half of February, a military band and about 700 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were lined up in various groups along the railroad line near Friedrichshoehe. After some time, the soldiers marched into the restricted area. Major Pismak (fnu) who was on furlough during the second half of February was replaced by Sergeant Kroll (fnu) who looked like a German and spoke German fairly well. 2

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5. Between 10 and 23 February, [redacted] trucks were used by Soviet Air Force commissaries for purchases at the Central Commissary (Base) in Werder:

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Magazine V Musterhausen
Magazine XII Rangsdorf

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A conference by all commissaries and the Werder air force headquarters was scheduled to take place on Friedrichshoehe on 27 and 28 February.

6. Sedans observed at the Base, Werder, [redacted] occupied by a general's wife, [redacted] by a major and a captain, and [redacted] by a lieutenant colonel and a major.

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1. Comment. According to available information, the agency mentioned is the KEO in Werder whose chief Lieutenant Colonel Primonov has previously been reported. Lieutenant Colonel Rodin is reported for the first time. An officer Tarazov had been reported from Wittstock hospital in February 1951.

2. Comment. Major Pismak is the chief of a signal communication unit in Werder restricted area. Sergeant Kroll is reported for the first time.

3. Comment. The organization of the commissaries has not been changed.

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